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Aloha,

I am a resident of Kauai, Hawaii and would like to give an anonymous comment pertaining to the management plan review for the Hawaiian islands humpback whale national marine sanctuary.

Of great concern to me is the U.S. Navy's use of sonar in the waters around Hawaii. I have learned that it is dangerous and potentially fatal to whales and dolphins. I very much hope to see the Sanctuary include this issue with other important areas to be addressed within its revised management plan. I think the science and literature should be reviewed as to the effects sonar technology has on whales and marine mammals. I would hope that its use could be severely curtailed or mitigated. I especially would like to see it banned during the "humpback whale season" here in Hawaii.

Mahalo for your consideration